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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Attorney Docket No. 97,713)

In re the Application of:	)
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Coley et al.	)
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Application No. 08/595,957	)
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Filed: February 6, 1996	)
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For: **FIREWALL SYSTEM FOR PROTECTING NETWORK ELEMENTS CONNECTED TO A PUBLIC NETWORK**	)

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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Further in response to the Office Action mailed September 18, 1997, please amend the

above captioned application as follows:

In the CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 33 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 47-51 as indicated below:

In claim 47, line 1, delete "form" and insert --from--.

In claim 48, line 1, delete "form" and insert --from--.

In claim 49, line 1, delete "form" and insert --from--.

In claim 50, line 9, delete the period "." at the end of the line and insert --; and--.

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51. (Once Amended) A firewall method for protecting a network element from unauthorized

access over a network to which the network element is attached, the method comprising the steps

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